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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY MARSHALL WRIGHT

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: INQUIRY FROM CONGRESSMAN KASTENMEIER ON ALASKA PIPELINE

REF: STATE 134338

1. RATHER THAN PERSONAL REPLY SUGGESTED REFTEL, AMBASSADOR WOULD PREFER H TO REPLY TO CONGRESSMAN KASTENMEIER IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDARD PRACTICE FOR DEALING WITH LETTERS TO UNDERSECRETARIES.

2. AMBASSADOR SUGGESTS SUBSTANTIVE PORTION OF RESPONSE BE ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

3. QUOTE. MR. IRWIN, WHO AT THE TIME WAS UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE, INVITED CANADIAN AMBASSADOR MARCEL CADIEUX TO CALL ON HIM ON MAY 11, 1972. THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THE CALL WAS TO DELIVER TO AMBASSADOR CADIEUX SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR MORTON'S REPLY TO CANADIAN ENERGY MINISTER MACDONALD'S LETTER OF MAY 4, 1973. MINISTER MADONALD'S LETTER HAD EARLIER BEEN RELEASED TO THE PRESS. COPIES OF BOTH LETTERS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED TO THE CONGRESS.

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4. MR IRWIN ALSO EXPLAINED SOME OF THE REASONS BEHIND SECRETARY MORTON'S DECISION, WHICH HAD JUST BEEN ANNOUNCED THE SAME DAY (MAY 11, 1972), APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF A TRANS-ALASKA RIGHT-OF-WAY PERMIT AS IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST. AT THE SAME TIME MR. IRWIN POINTED OUT TO AMBASSADOR CADIEUX THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT CONTINUED TO FACE SUBSTANTIAL CONTROVERSY OVER THE ISSUE OF THE TRANS-ALASKA OIL PIPELINE AND THAT THERE WOULD BE CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTY AHEAD IN ATTEMPTING TO LIFT THE COURT INJUNCTION AGAINST THE PIPELINE.

5. YOUR LETTER MENTIONS THAT CERTAIN PRESS REPORTS HAVE CLAIMED MR. IRWIN "URGED THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT TO EXERCISE RESTRAINT WHEN COMMENTING ON THE POSSIBILITY OF A TRANS-CANADIAN PIPE-LINE ROUTE." IN FACT, MR. IRWIN DID TELL AMBASSADOR CADIEUX HOW IMPORTANT IT WOULD BE FOR THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IF THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT COULD EXERCISE AS MUCH RESTRAINT AS POSSIBLE IN ANY COMMENTS IT MIGHT MAKE WITH RESPECT TO SECRETARY MORTON'S DECISION. THE CONTEXT WAS ONE IN WHICH THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT HAD JUST RELEASED PUBLICLY A LETTER FROM A CANADIAN OFFICIAL REPEATING ARGUMENTS WHICH HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN MADE TO AND DISCUSSED AT SOME LENGTH WITH U.S. OFFICIALS. THE POINT OF MR. IRWIN'S REQUEST FOR RESTRAINT WAS TO SEEK COOPERATION FROM THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT TO SUPPORT THE MEASURES WHICH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAD DECIDED TO TAKE IN AN EFFORT TO DEAL WITH AN OVERALL ENERGY PROBLEM OF JOINT CONCERN TO BOTH GOVERNMENTS, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT SECRETARY MORTON'S DECISION HAD TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT THE INFORMATION AND ARGUMENTS WHICH THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT HAD SUBMITTED TO THE UNITED STATES.

6. MR. IRWIN CONCLUDED HIS CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR CADIEUX BY EXPRESSING THE APPRECIATION OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FOR CANADA'S PAST COOPERATION IN ENERGY MATTERS AND OUR HOPES THAT THIS COOPERATION WOULD CONTINUE IN THE LIGHT OF THE RAPIDLY GROWING ENERGY REQUIREMENTS IN BOTH COUNTRIES. END QUOTE.

7. PER CUSTER/KATZ TELECON AMBASSADOR HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE OF RELEVANT DOCUMENTS TO CONGRESS.

8. PLEASE POUCH A COPY OF REPLY TO KASTENMEIER WHEN SENT.  
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